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|---|---|---|---|
| 29. Calicut Panaji | 22,89,945 | 28,11.112 | 28,81,013 |
| 30. Total | 1,51,309 | 10,42,968 | 16,06,995 |
| Network sponsored | 29,36,88,189 | 29,83,51,057 | 28,75,94,956 |
| Programme | .',53.62,859 | 8,06,64,117 | 7.97,06,491 |
| Grand Total | 34,90,51,048 | 37,90,15,174 | 36,73,01,447 |

**AIR, Delhi staff working in the Regional News Unit (RNU), Srinagar**

3774. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL *Alias* MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the security arrangements that Government have made for its AIR, Delhi Staffwho are deputed to work at the Regional News Unit (RNU), Srinagar;

(b) whether Government have provided insurance cover to the deputationists of AIR, Delhi News and their dependents; if so, what is the amount of insurance and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) what is the total staff stength of the Urdu News Unit in Delhi;

(d) what is the number of Urdu news-readers and translators of the Delhi Urdu News Unit in NSD who have been deputed to the RNU, Srinagar;

(e) what is the number of Urdu news-readers and translators of the Delhi Urdu News Unit who have not been deputed to the RNU, Srinagar so far; and

(f) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI KR SINGH DEO): (a) Adequate security arrangements are made for the security of staff of AIR, Delhi deputed to Srinagar.

(b) Yes, Sir. Besides the normal insurance cover under Central Government Employees Group Insurance Scheme, 1980, there is provision of ex gratia payment of Rs. 5 Lakhs as also additional compensation to the families of media personnel who are killed in a terrorist attack or encounter with anti-social elements.

(c) The sanctioned strength of NRTs in the Urdu news unit in News Services Division is 13, of which one post is vacant.

(d) to (f) Out of 12 NRTs working in the Urdu Unit in NSD, 9 have been deputed to Radio Kashmir. Three NRTs have not been deputed due to administrative and compassionate reasons.

**Operation of foreign TV Stations and FM Channels**

3775. SHRI YERRA NARAYANA-SWAMY: SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a Pannel to decide on the operation of Foreign TV Stations and FM Channels from India;

(b) if so, who are the Members of this Panel;

(c) what are the terms of reference of the Panel;

(d) what are the different aspects which will be considered by this Panel; and

(e) by when it is likely to submit its Report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI KR SINGH DEO):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

**Setting up of Film City at Pune**

3776. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Statesman, dated 12th June, 1994 under the caption "FTII plans to set up film city";

(b) if so, whether the FTII propose to set up film city at Pune;

(c) if so, the allocations likely to be made; and

(d) to what extent the setting up of film city is helpful for the film industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI KR SINGH DEO):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Films and Television Institute of India, which is an autonomous society, has acquired 14.94 hectares of adjacent land at Pune for its future expansion. Government have not allocated any funds to the Institute for setting up of any "film city'.

(d) Undoubtedly, a film city at Film and Television Institute of India, Pune will be useful to the nim industry as the facilities and talents available there can be shared by the industry.

**Pay Channel for Feature Films**

3777. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Doordarshan propose to start a pay channel for feature films which will be made available to subscribers or cable operators on payment; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The feasibility of starting a pay channel is being examined.

**Time Allotted for Punjabi Programmes on AIR /DD**

3778. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the time allocated for Punjabi programmes on T.V. and Radio in Punjab; and

(b)the details of time allocated for other programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO):

(a) and (b) The details are as under:—

(in hours per week)

| | Punjabi programmes | Programmes in other language |
|---|---|---|
| (i) | Doordarshan Kendra, Jallandhar | 17 hours 2 hours 49 |
| (ii) | DD-12 Satellite channel service | 24 hours — 30 minutes |
| (iii) | All India Radio. Jallandhar | 50 hours 4 hours 7 minutes 15 |
| (iv) | All India Radio. Jallandhar (FM channel service) | 63 hours — |
| (v) | All India Radio. Bhatinda | 43 hours — 45 minutes |
| (vi) | All India Radio, Patiala | 42 hours — |

**Power Shortage in Assam**

3779. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware ofcrippling power shortage in various towns of Assam particularly Dibrugarh and its suburbs causing serious disruptions in all spheres;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item appearing in The Times of India of 18th June, 1994 under the caption "Vast power potential in N-E lies untapped" if so, what is the Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the names of Central Government enterprises generating power in various North-Eastern States, State-wise with the details of quantum of power generated by each such enterprise during last three years, year-wise; and

(d) whether Government have any plan to set up new thermal power plants/projects in Assam; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) During the period April '94,—July '94,the energy shortage in Assam was 6.8% as against the North-Eastern Region shortage of 6.5% and an all India deficit of 7.9%.